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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Basey (6,527,417) and further in view of JP 11-329015(Kimura).

3. Basey discloses the claimed invention except for the recitation of a transparent member that covers the opening of the cover. Basey discloses a light source, comprising a light-emitting tube having a light-emitting portion that emits a light beam by an electric discharge between electrodes and sealing portions provided on both sides of the light-emitting portion (34); a reflector that reflects the light beam emitted by the light-emitting portion forward after aligning in a predetermined direction (12); a cover covering a light-irradiation opening of the reflector (14), the cover having an opening for irradiating the light beam reflected by the reflector(32) and a heat-radiation fin formed on the outside thereof(28), the cover being made of a heat-conductive material that absorbs a heat generated by the light-emitting tube and conducts the absorbed heat to the heat-radiation fin; Kimura discloses a heat dissipating lamp that has a transparent member that covers the opening of the cover. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Basey to include the teaching of a transparent member that covers the opening of the cover

since as taught by Kimura to implement a transparent cover is purposeful to protect the inner working components of the lighting device from exterior elements or to provide an optical modification to the light reflected by the reflector.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-21 are The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art cited does not teach individually or in combination a sub reflection mirror that covers approximately half of the front side of the light emitting portion is provided in the light emitting tube, an approximately conic cylindrical heat absorber that is tapered from the light irradiation opening of the reflector in a direction of irradiating light, a hole for inserting an electrode connecting wire of the light emitting tube being formed in the cover, image information modulating the light source to formed an optical image in an enlarged manner .

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M. Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2382. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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